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"Long may it wave o'er the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."



Help Our Town Win the Right to Fly this Flag

ALMA WOMEN IN WAR WORK

Mrs. Ezra Smith, Red Cross
Mrs. J. E. Collins, Com. of National Defense

Funds are coming into the coffers of the Red Cross from many sources. First, from the high school play, there is \$81.70. No prettier sight has been seen in Alma for many months, than this bevy of "younger girls," in the presentation of "Rosemary" last Wednesday evening at the high school. They deserved their big audience, and it was splendid of the girls to turn the proceeds into so good a channel as the Red Cross.

Next came the 25¢ which accrued from the lecture of Gummer De Pew, at the Presbyterian church last Thursday evening which amounted to \$14. dollars.

But the most unexpected of all is the \$300.00 which has come from the boys of the junior high school. In the "Melting Pot" is old iron, rubber, brass, silver and presto changer; a steady flow of money into the treasury. On with the dollar boys, equip the girls with material for work, and do honor to your 100%, which flashes from the window of every room in the building.

(Then finally there will be the 30 odd dollars from the sale of papers by the men under the chairmanship of Mr. Collins of the Swift Plant.)

"The housekeeper may say 'why should I register?' but we find that the housekeeper is a most accomplished woman. She is skilled in a dozen professions of service valuable in every day life or in response to emergency calls. She can knit and sew and cook. She understands food conservation and efficient marketing. She can assist in the work of local organizations for charity and she can take care of the children of the women who are forced out of their homes into some kind of necessary service. So the woman who 'is only a housekeeper' is urged to register and should be proud of her many abilities."

"This great plan for the registration and mobilization of the women of our country is a most worthy conception of the most progressive nation of the world. We can find in all history no account of a census taking, of either men or women, of such scope."

Do not forget to pay your pledge at the bank if you have made one. If not, then ask for a pledge card of a member of the committee at the Red Cross room at any time. We need more money.

Remember that we are, at home now, in the big north room of the Masonic Home where all lines of work are carried on.

Big Benefit
For the Red Cross to be given at the new Liberty Theater, Thursday afternoon and evening, at the regular prices. Mr. Ashley, the new manager, certainly has the right kind of public patriotism, for he will present the Red Cross with the entire proceeds of both shows, a courtesy unprecedented in the history of Alma theater management.

NOTICE

The crippled man, whose chair has stood on the walk by the Wright House, has offered a per cent of his earnings to the Red Cross, so all who wish work in his line (lettering suitcases, bags, trunks, cards, etc.) please give your order before the first of May.

A question. Do you know of any one who is entitled to a Service Flag, who is not supplied? If you do, will you please phone to one of the following numbers: 182 and 333 Union, and oblige the committee.

MASS MEETING

Mass Meeting and Liberty Loan Parade Were Big Successes.

The Liberty Loan meeting here Friday night was one of the most rousing meetings of the kind ever held in this section of the state and brought out thousands of people to greet the Jackies and the Jackie band from Great Lakes, and also to hear the speakers who were sent here in the interest of the Liberty Loan campaign.

The band arrived in Alma Friday night on the 7:50 p. m. train and the parade was immediately formed at the depot and marched to the high school where the speeches were held.

An automobile containing the local committee and the speakers of the evening led the parade and was followed by fifteen Liberty trucks for the United States army. The Jackie band followed the Liberty trucks and behind the band came a squad of Jackies. The Alma high school cadets lined up behind the Jackies and band.

One of the big features of the parade, which made a great hit with the large crowd which jammed the streets of Alma from the depot to the school house, was the old time hearse, in which reposed a pig, adorned with a German helmet, brought back from the trenches of Europe by T. Arnold Robinson of this city, now in the service. A banner adorned each side of the hearse, and on the banners were the words, "Buy Bonds and Buy Bill."

Several selections were rendered by the band while the parade wended its way to the high school, where the large auditorium was jammed to the limit, it being said that nearly a thousand people were in the school for the mass meeting.

Mr. A. H. Vandenberg, editor of the Grand Rapids Herald, who gave a glowing talk on the Liberty Loan, was followed by the Hon. Gerrit J. Diekema of Holland, former congressman, who gave a short talk in behalf of the Liberty Loan and the need that there was for the people of the country to lend their wholehearted support to the government in its struggle against the Hun.

A dance was given in the gymnasium and one and all were presented with carnations.

Saturday morning the Jackies and band, with the Gratiot committee and speakers went to St. Louis, where the parade of Friday night and the speeches were again given. The local high school cadets also took part in the parade at St. Louis.

The visit of the Jackies and the well known speakers made a deep impression upon the people of the county, who were privileged to hear and see them; and it is certain that their visit will be productive of much good and will aid Gratiot county in going over the top, as she certainly will do on the Third Liberty Loan.

The Gratiot county committee of which J. W. Robinson is the chairman, wishes to express its thanks to the Republic for the loan of the Liberty trucks which were used in the parade, to thank the high school cadets and all others who aided in making the affair the success that it was.

PROTECT THE WHEAT CROP

WHEARAS it has been represented to the War Preparedness Board by the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States that wheat and other cereals are apt to be more seriously injured by rust when grown in the vicinity of barberry bushes of the varieties hereinafter specified, and that the Black Stem Rust of wheat and other cereals and grasses develop on such barberry bushes in the spring and produces countless numbers of spores which are carried by the wind and find lodgment on grain and grasses, and

WHEREAS the action of the Board has been asked for the eradication of such bushes,

The Michigan War Preparedness Board orders as follows:

1. All barberry (Berberis sp.) bushes except the species and variety known as Japanese barberry (Berberis thunbergii) are hereby declared to be, and the same are, a public nuisance and a menace to the public welfare, and their maintenance, propagation sale or introduction in the State is forbidden. It shall be the duty of every person owning or having charge of any premises on which barberry bushes of the rust producing varieties are grown or at any time found growing, to forthwith destroy such bushes.

2. This order shall be in force from its date.

Dated, April 10, 1918.
ALBERT E. SLEEPER,
Governor and Ex-officio Chairman,
Michigan War Preparedness Board.
R. C. VANDERCOOK, Secretary.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation to the friends and neighbors who assisted us during the sickness and death of our loving wife and mother, especially to the minister and those who gave flowers.

S. B. Richardson, (39c)
Mr. and Mrs. Foster,
Mr. and Mrs. G. Richardson,
Mr. and Mrs. J. Richardson,
Mr. and Mrs. S. Richardson,
Mr. and Mrs. H. Richardson.

THE CHURCHES

St. John's Church
Sunday School—10:00 a. m.
Morning Prayer—11:00 a. m.
Subject: "Remember Jerusalem."
Vesper Service—5:00 p. m.
It is expected that the flags will be dedicated at the Morning Service.

Baptist Church
J. W. Priest, Pastor, residence 802 Gratiot avenue.
Sunday School—9:30.
Morning Service—10:30.
Sermon: "Why are You a Church Member?"
B. Y. P. U. Meeting—6:30.
Topic: How and What to Read.
Leader: Louise Hamline.
Evening Service—7:30.
Sermon: "To Every One that Believeth."

Thursday Night Prayer Meeting—7:30.
All are cordially invited to these services.

HOBART WRITES AN INTERESTING LETTER

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a fine town, but now nothing but a few spires and stone walls which look very much like the pictures we used to see of tall white ghosts. We back the truck into the yard and take out boxes of oranges, apples, tobacco, candy, chewing gum, biscuits, cookies, and begin to carry them in to the secretary. We stumble along through the darkness down a flight of stone steps, past a silent sentry on guard at the hut, push open a heavy plank door and we find ourselves in a real, sure enough Y. M. C. A. dugout. The small room is full of men and the air is thick with smoke and steam, but the association—the Godsend to the soldiers in France—is putting on the job—hot chocolate is being served to the men and hot tea as well.

To offset the grim spirit of war, a victrola is being played and it is kept busy too—and the few records are nearly worn out. (If you can pack a dozen records or more, in a box and send them to me at once, I will see that they are used in these dugouts.) Not much is said here in this place for the boys are thoughtful and serious, but one look into their faces and we know they mean business. They are grim, silent, and determined. We carry in the rest of the boxes and the roar and din of bursting shells—speak a few words of cheer to the secretary who is laying out his life for the men—call a cheery word of "good luck" to the men who are soon to go into the trenches, and drive away down the shell-punctured road to repeat the performance in another hut. The "Y" not only operates a canteen in these places, but it brings entertainers with speaking and singing and addresses from the finest types of men America can produce to bring cheer, high ideals, and strength of courage to the men who will soon "stand to." In the trenches the rest camps, the hospitals, and even in the detached camps of "wood choppers," "mule skinner" and guard and sentry camps, the Y. M. C. A. is bringing somewhat of cheer and comfort and new life to the soldiers in France.

When you go to our next state conference, remember me to all the secretaries and tell them we are putting on the job in real Michigan "county work" style with no frills, but plain, unvarnished service. I am in Paris now for a rest and to write a few letters and transact a few matters of business for our division. Am going back in the morning to the field of battle and the greatest game ever played by human beings. Pray for our success old chap, and that we may deliver the goods. Remember me kindly to all the men with whom I once associated and with best wishes for yourself and yours, I am as ever,

Your friend,

E. C. Hobart, 12 read
Agrasseau, Paris, France.

Army Y. M. C. A.

P. S.—I wish you'd lay especial emphasis on the records—send us some good ones, real old-fashioned red blooded American records. Hurry them along. The boys up there are crazy for music.

Any person having and wishing to give such records that will be promptly sent to the front line Y. M. C. A. huts, please leave them at your bank and they will receive prompt attention.

OBITUARY

Cathrine Hess was born February 28, 1884, in Columbia county, Penna. She moved with her parents to Wood county, Ohio, where she grew to womanhood. In 1860 she was married to Silas B. Richardson, to which union seven children were born, six of whom survive the mother. They are Henry of Wood county, Ohio, Sarah of Fremont township, Isabella county, John of Edmore, Silas of Flint and Ida of Fremont township, Isabella county, and Gilbert of Alma. The husband, six children, twenty-six grand children and a host of friends and relatives are left to mourn their loss. She was a member of the Church of God and a very active worker while her health permitted. She departed this life at the home of her son, Gilbert, in this city, April 9, 1918. She was laid to rest in Union cemetery, Isabella county.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thankfulness to our neighbors and friends of Alma and vicinity for the many kind letters of sympathy and also the flowers sent to us while in the hospital at Ann Arbor. (39p)
Mr. and Mrs. David M. Seifried.

BIG HERDS GONE

World War Wastes Europe's Meat Supply.

American Stock Raisers Co-operate With Food Administration in Conservation Measures.

It is probable that Europe for many years after the war will look to a great extent to America for its meat supply. Europe's herds are dwindling under war's demands faster than they can be replenished.

When the German armies retired from occupied portions of France and Belgium approximately 1,800,000 head of cattle were appropriated. This addition virtually safeguarded Germany from cattle shortage other nations now suffer.

In England some 2,400,000 acres of grass lands have by compulsory measures been forced into grain production, thus reducing pasturage and hay lands. A declining scale of maximum meat prices for live cattle was obtained in England, as follows: For September, \$17.76 per hundred pounds; October, \$17.28; November and December, \$16.08, and for January, \$14.40. The evident intent of this measure was to drive the beef animals into market as soon as possible.

According to official French figures, the cattle of France have decreased to a total of 12,341,900 as compared with 14,807,000 in 1913. Today, due to lack of forage principally, France is producing only one gallon of milk where before the war two and one-half gallons were produced.

Meantime the United States food administration has taken steps to conserve our flocks and herds and to increase their numbers. The stock breeders of this country show a disposition to co-operate with the government in this.

For many years it has been a practice among many of the dairy people of this country to kill male calves at birth and in many instances the females if not needed to replenish their herds rather than go to the expense of maturing them into veal. The high prices of meat caused the virtual discontinuance of this killing. Another encouraging fact is 75 per cent of calves killed for veal this year were males.

Somebody has very aptly said that the wars of the world have been won with grease, meaning that bacon and lard have been as essential to success in war as powder, which is true.

The hogs of Europe have been very greatly sacrificed to present day needs. This makes the American burden all the more heavy and makes doubly essential an increased pork production in this nation. In Italy grain is now forbidden to be fed to hogs. In Denmark under a recent order one-fourth of the hogs were ordered to be killed. It is estimated that one-half have now been killed.

SEIZURE OF HOUSEWIVES' FOOD STOCKS IMPOSSIBLE

The government has never considered any plan of seizing foodstuffs owned by housewives. Nor is there any policy of this kind suggested for the future.

In spite of this fact, the United States food administration has been obliged repeatedly to issue official denials of rumors that the government intends commandeering preserves and canned goods put up in American homes.

These rumors were originated partly by pro-German propagandists and partly by conscienceless grafters, who sought to profit through buying from misinformed housewives.

The year 1918 will see home canning and preserving practiced on greater scale than ever before in the nation's history, officials in Washington believe. And they are assuring all patriotic housewives that foods so saved are theirs, and theirs alone.

NUTRITIOUS CORN BREAD.



One New York hotel has arranged a thoroughly patriotic corn bread recipe. It combines cornmeal with rye flour, both of which are being consumed in greater quantities this year in order to release wheat flour for the allied nations. This recipe fills a large pan—16 by 22 inches—and contains the following ingredients: One quart milk, four ounces butter substitute, ten ounces light syrup or honey, three eggs, pinch salt, two pounds cornmeal, one pound rye flour and two ounces baking powder.

The butter and syrup are thoroughly mixed. Then add the eggs gradually, pour in the milk, then add the rye flour mixed with the cornmeal and baking powder. Bake in a hot oven.

Mary Pickford in "Stella Maris," the best picture she ever made—Idle hour, Sunday and Monday—adv.

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